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MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR PADDY AND KHARIF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to stabilize the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy for the first time;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken the State Governments into confidence;

(c) if so, the benefits to be accrued to the State Governments and farmers as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate a scheme to stabilize MSP of Kharif crops in the future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): No, Sir. The Government have recently announced the Minimum Support Prices(MSPs) of Kharif Crops including paddy for 2003-04 season (October − September) on the basis of the recommendations made by the CACP, views of the State Governments and concerned Central Ministries as well as such other relevant factors which, in the opinion of the Government, are important for fixation of support prices. As compared to last year (2002−03) the MSP of paddy common and paddy grade `A` fixed at Rs. 550 per quintal and Rs. 580 per quintal respectively for 2003−04 represents an increase of Rs.20 per quintal each.